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Dear Joe:

I give an account of my resignation from the Birch hoax in America's Decline. The additional information needed to answer the questions in your letter of the sixth follows:

1. To the best of my recollection, the account given you by Tom Davis is correct. He was not my first or principal source of information about what was happening in the Lamasary, which I, to some extent, deliberately provoked by the statement in my address in Boston that lysergic acid diethylamide was "imported from Israel." That was the only phrase that was deleted from the tape recording that was made and sold by the Rally for God and Country. I had my own complete tape recording, of course.
2. The staff in Belmont spoke of Blumenfeld as "the house Jew," accepting Welch's statement that he kept a Jew around for the sake of appearances. Actually, Blumenfeld was the resident supervisor; it seems that the arrangement is that a Jew is kept on the premises to watch all daily operations of the Society. He was also a member of the Jewish committee of supervisors, of which the membership is, I understand, changed from time to time to give young Jews experience in riding herd on the Aryan cattle.
3. I delayed my resignation until after the meeting in the hotel had actually taken place and I knew the identity of the Jews who had been present at it and given the Welcher his instructions. He did protest feebly before obeying them.
4. The committee was composed of Blumenfeld, Kogan, Greene, and Solomon. In my letter of resignation, I said that the latter three were in their late twenties, but Greene, I discovered later, was about forty. In my letter of resignation on 30 July, I said: "I now learn with shock and dismay that you are not, in fact, the head of the John Birch Society. I have ascertained that you are subject to the secret direction of a secret committee," and I then named the Jews. I will send you a photocopy of my carbon copy of my letter of resignation when you are ready to publish. In the meantime, I want to be able to say that since Welch has not seen fit to publish my letter, I have not done so either.
5. The Welcher had, of course, received my resignation long before he came to Urbana on August 11, 1966, with Bill Grede, who had been and probably still was a director of the Federal Reserve in the Middle West, and Bob Montgomery, who was asleep most of the time during the interview.
6. The Welcher did offer me \$5000. to withdraw my letter of resignation; he was obviously just opening the bidding, but since I kept a tape recorder in operation on the table before us and refused to stop it on any pretext, I thought that I should not try to ascertain how high he was really prepared to go, lest he later be able to claim that I wanted more than he was prepared

to pay. My guess is that he would have gone up to \$25,000, which is half of what he is said to have given Roussetot to postpone his resignation.

7. I doubt that the so-called "Executive Committee" other than Grede and Montgomery was consulted. One member told me over the telephone that he had heard nothing about the affair until he saw the news of my resignation in the papers and called Welch by telephone.

8. I did not announce my resignation until after Welch's visit, of course. Herewith a copy of the letter I sent to all members of the Council. Two of them said they intended to "fade out" of the Society without making an issue of it.*

9. Dr. Draskovich resigned when I did, although we both acted independently. You doubtless have his account; if not, you should obtain it soon. I hear that he is in a terminal illness.

10. In my book, I quoted from the substitute letter of resignation from the Council only that the Welcher had prepared for me, and his bulletin in which he would announce his surprise at receiving it. Herewith photocopies of the whole. The little bastard actually expected me to accept a bribe to sign the letter; that I believe is what could least forgive.

11. If you will reread my earlier letter, you will see that I said that the capture of the Birch business, not my resignation, was "among the greatest achievements of the Defamation League." That is giving the Welcher the benefit of the doubt and assuming that he was not their stooge from the very first.

Let me know when you are ready to publish. I will then send you my letter of resignation and some additional information. I have the full names of the four Kikes on the supervisory committees, but don't take time to dig it from my files at this moment. I also have some memoranda to the staff in which the Welcher instructs them what to say about my resignation.

As I look over your letter, I see one or two additional details:

1. You ask whether the Welcher "offered you a \$5000. check." He did not produce the actual cheque, merely named the sum. I am sure he expected that the cheque when he wrote it would be for more.

2. The Welcher wrote me asking me to come to Chicago, and when I refused, he, Grede, and Montgomery came down to Urbana, where we met in my living room in the presence of a tape recorder, which ran from the time they entered the door until they left, using an especially long tape and a spare recorder. I never heard that any other members of the "Executive Committee" were in Chicago or had even been notified.

3. According to the Welcher, Blumenfeld was hired, on the recommendation of Jacques Soustelle, as an "expert" on Communism in Europe as soon as Blumenfeld returned from France. I never assume that Welch told the truth about anything, so I merely repeat what he told me at the time. Blumenfeld tried to plant all sorts of canards as "inside information" with me, including, I remember, a "documented" story that Yockey was a Communist agent in the service of Castro.

With kindest regards,

As ever,



* I add a copy of a longer letter I sent to certain members of the Council after I saw a copy of the mimeographed bulletin the Welcher had sent them. This was in anticipation of the first meeting of the Council following my resignation.